

CONSERVATION ADVISORY BOARD
Town of Marilla

Date: June 1, 2004

Members Present: Leonard Janiga
Tom Wantuck
Jim Heinrich
Ralph S. Burch, Jr.
Warren Cullen, Sr.
Diane Fronczek

Members Absent: Mary Beth Wolf

Guests: Amy Holt—WNYLC, Darlene Vogel, CAB grant writer

Town Board: Warren Handley

Leonard Janiga, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. with a pledge to the flag. Ralph Burch, Jr. made a motion, seconded by Warren Cullen, Sr. to accept the minutes of April, 2004. All in favor – 6 ayes. There was no meeting held in May.

Old Business:

Darlene Vogel accepted the invitation of the CAB to come in and discuss the possible filing of a PACE grant for 2004-2005. She commented on the past year's PACE grant application. Supposedly, the State of N.Y. opened up the criteria for acceptance of the grant applications to include those counties that had different types of development pressures – unlike our urban pressure. The State is trying to broaden the distribution of funding, making it tougher for us to compete for the money. There were areas in the north counties coming in at less money per acre and offering up more acreage per parcel.

As to the CAB filing a grant application this year, we learned that Federal funding is **not available**. Darlene recommended that our board, along with John Foss and/or Warren Handley, meet to reorganize our parcels by getting a report on the interested landowners, and sending a narrative letter to Albany. We should make a real effort to emphasize all our good points by demonstrating our track record so far with PACE. One point especially should explain the delay in closing. Darlene explained that Albany needs to be apprised of our demands on land, including the proposed golf course and possible loss of land to subdivision building. We will have to reassess our application.

Amy Holt, will be getting in touch with John Foss for a possible update on the PACE parcels. John Whitney, has informed us of his resignation for the PACE program, and Amy Holt will be assuming some of John's work and working with the CAB closely. Amy has volunteered to contact all the previously interested landowners to find out their

interest in continuing with the PACE or not. We will then meet on **June 15, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.** for a work session to draft our narrative report.

Warren Handley presented a copy of the code of the Town of Marilla book to all the CAB members present. The board was grateful for the information available to all members.

Leonard Janiga checked with the Town Building Inspector, John Fronczek, for clarification on splitting of any parcels and flag lots sold in town. The only way the Building Dept. has knowledge of splits or flag lots is when the owner of a newly created parcel applies for a building permit. Leonard suggested that perhaps what was needed is to have the CEO do a “on sight” inspection of any property where a home is proposed to assess the placement of that home and to determine if the area is a split or flag lot.

Therefore, it was decided to make a motion by Ralph Burch, Jr. and seconded by Warren Cullen, Sr. to send a recommendation to the Town Board that any building permit first have an on site visit done by the Building Inspector or Assistant before any permit is issued, and that CAB and the Planning Board are then able to review the application to insure that the lot in question is not prime farmland, and does not constitute too many splits per parcel. The site inspection should include a footing inspection as well. All members present voted yes on the motion. Leonard, Tom, Ralph, Jim, Warren and Diane.

Leonard Janiga asked Diane Fronczek to contact Vic Ball, former chairman, to get any and all information pertaining to the Erie County Management Council, and have any mailings go directly to Diane’s home address.

We have learned that no formal proposal has been submitted for the Three Rod Road property for a proposed subdivision of 14 homes. The builder would have to have the land rezoned as it is agricultural land. The general consensus is that people in the near vicinity do not want it.

Jim Heinrich spoke about the proposed park trail. He states that our Eagle Scout, Tim Puckett, has gotten the OK from Dave Pierce and is now awaiting an OK from the Boy Scouts. Hopefully, the project will begin in late June after school lets out for the summer.

Ralph Burch, Jr. made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jim Heinrich. All in favor – 6 ayes. We were adjourned at 9:30 p.m. Our next regular meeting will be July 6, 2004, at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Fronczek, Recording Clerk